



BOONE'S BANDITS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for two hours.



Local “REUSE” Hero

Normally, the District likes to feature a local recycling hero. This time, we have the opportunity to highlight a local student who is a REUSE hero. Olivia Neff, a fifth grader at Granville Wells Elementary won blue ribbons at this year's Boone County 4H fair. Two of her projects included the reuse and repurpose of ordinary clothes pins into spirited wreaths. One wreath had a patriotic theme and the other a bee theme. Congratulations to Olivia

on her blue ribbon and for being a good example of creativity and reuse!

Reuse is the second “R” in the triad of reduce, reuse & recycle. Each “R” is important in the conservation of natural resources and limiting the amount of waste that is disposed.

REUSE - to use again especially in a different way.

Triad - a group of three

Conservation - the protection of animals, plants & natural resources; the careful use of natural resources (such as trees, oil, etc.) to prevent them from being lost or wasted.



Olivia Neff, 5th Grader at Granville Wells Elementary

Ricky's Raccoon Riddle: What is it?

1. It is estimated to kill thousands of marine animals each year.
2. It flies along the highways.
3. It gets stuck in trees.
4. It clogs sewer drains.
5. It breaks down into tiny bits that may pollute lakes, rivers, and oceans.
6. It takes hundreds of years to degrade in a landfill.
7. It's made out of oil.
8. You probably bring it home every time you go shopping.

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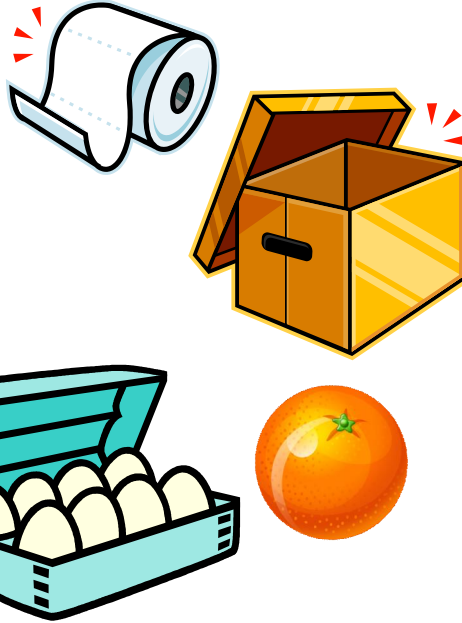


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Trashology: How long do things last in the landfill?

Have you ever wondered how long our household items last in the landfill before they **decompose**? I bet you would be surprised! Check out some of the items on this list & see if you can encourage your family to purchase different items at the grocery store and RECYCLE!!!

Decompose –to break down physically & chemically into simpler compounds; to rot.



- Toilet Paper - 2 weeks
- Paper Plates - 1 week-2 months
- Orange Peel - 2-5 weeks
- Cardboard - 2 years
- Leather Shoe - 50-100 years
- Aluminum Can - 80-200 years
- Disposable Diaper - 450 years
- Styrofoam Egg Carton - Unknown???
- Glass Jar/Bottle - Unknown???

Ricky Raccoon's Riddle ANSWER

Reasons to Recycle your Plastic Bags:

1. Bags typically litter our streets & waterways.
2. Bags in landfills take 100s of years to decompose.
3. Recycled plastic bags typically end up as composite decking.

Don't let your plastic shopping bags litter our streets, harm wildlife or contaminate our waterways. Instead, tell Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa to participate in the District's Plastic Bag swap in honor of America Recycles Day!



Last year's bags collected in honor of America Recycles Day! Let's double it!!!

Plastic Shopping Bag

Recycling: Something on which we can all agree.

Join the Celebration



What: *Plastic Bag Recycling & Swap*

Where: 220 West Washington Street, Lebanon
(Use West Basement Entrance)

When: Nov. 17 - 21, 2014 (8am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm)

More Information:

Bring in your plastic grocery bags for recycling & swap them for a reusable shopping bag!
(Every 10 plastic bags = 1 reusable shopping bag)

Community Grants Available Now!!!

Who: Schools, Troops, Boosters, non-profit or civic organizations & others are eligible.

What: Community grants of any value up to \$5000

Why: Grants are intended to help conserve natural resources, increase recycling, provide proper disposal, demonstrate sustainability & promote improvements in the health & welfare of the residents of Boone County.

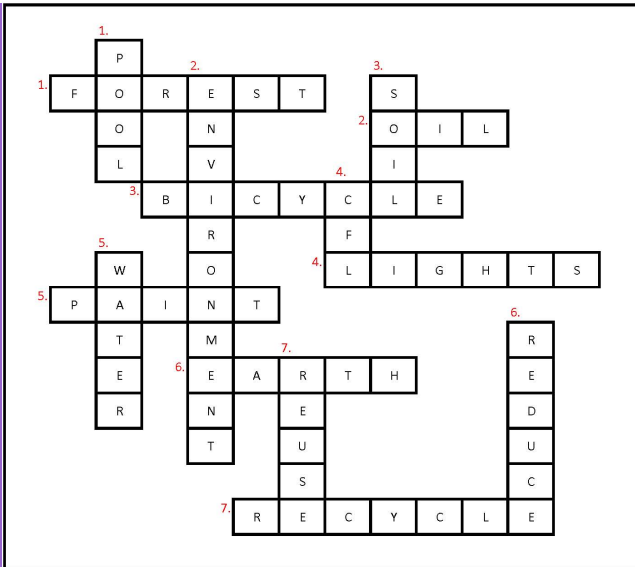
How: Go to www.boonecounty.in.gov/solidwaste for an application!

Applications Due:
Friday, September 26
at Noon

Can you think of a better way to RECYCLE or REDUCE waste in your school or community?



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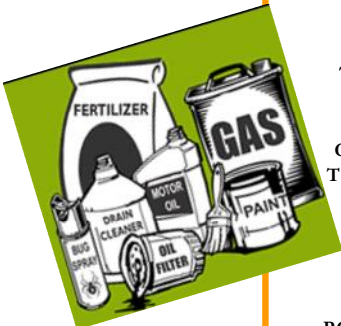


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RECYCLED Art MARKET
November 8, 2014
10 AM-4 PM
Zionsville Town Hall

Household Hazardous Waste Word Search

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